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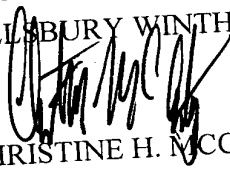
By this Amendment, claims 1-7 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 8 and 9 are rewritten in independent format, claim 12 is amended to compensate for the claim cancellations and new claims 23 and 24 are added to more fully claim the disclosed invention. New claims 23 and 24 (which include no new matter), directed to a switching center, recite subject matter that is commensurate with claims 8-22 (already deemed to include allowable subject matter and allowable as a result of the claim amendments presented herein). Claims 8-24 are pending.

All rejected claims having been canceled, all pending claims are patentable over the cited prior art. Thus, all outstanding issues having been resolved and Applicant submits that the application is in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, Applicant looks forward to receipt of a notice to that effect. However, if anything remains necessary prior to the allowance of the application, Applicant requests that the Examiner telephoned Applicant's undersigned representative.

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